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Notes on Project 34.1928

P. 1, paragraph 3.

Forty percent of the entire domestic production of machinery and transport equipment, or just of particular commodities?

P. 2, top line.

Autarky, not autarchy. Consult Webster and check usage in rest of paper.

P. 4, Introduction.

I agree that this material is more appropriate as a Foreword. Moreover, since the paper has now been written, the tense should be converted from the future to the historical present.

P. 5, Tabulation.

Why not give 1956 balance? Update text through 1956 from data in Table 1.

P. 6, Table 1.

Documentation too general. Reference sources to pertinent parts of Table where possible.

Has the revaluation of national currencies been considered in this and later tables? (E.g., that of Czechoslovakia in 1953.)

P. 10, Tabulation.

I agree that use of percentages gives a false impression of comparative growth.

P. 12, Table 3.

As presently set up it is difficult to tell whether the totals columns refer to exports or imports. The reader should be given some assistance.

P. 15, 1st paragraph, last sentence.

States Poland imported \$36 millions from the Free World in 1955. Compare with \$38.75 millions derived from Table 3.

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P. 16.

The treatment of Factor 3 is somewhat academic. Is it necessary to belabor the point and develop the theory? The point could be stated just as clearly and much more precisely.

Pp. 18-19.

I agree that the comparison with the British empire is an obiter dictum and should be deleted.

P. 21, Table 6.

Is 1956 information available?

P. 24.

Period covered by these generalizations?

P. 25, Table 8.

Please level style of table headings. Compare capitalization of units in Tables 5, 7, 8, for example.

P. 25, paragraph 1, lines 7-8.

Connection between raw material supply position and lower percentage of Czech machinery exports is not clear. Tables 5 and 8 appear to show that the Czechs are relatively more dependent on imported industrial raw materials than the East Germans.

P. 30, Table 11.

Comparison with Table 3 raises questions of basis for converting Crowns to Rubles. Trade with the Free World appears to be converted on a 1 to 1 basis in these two tables, but the basis for the conversion of total trade is not clear. An appendix table showing how you value national currencies against the Ruble would be helpful.

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Czechoslovak Trade in Machinery
and Transport Equipment, 1955

	<u>Imports</u>		<u>Exports</u>	
	<u>Mil. K.</u> <u>(Table 11)</u>	<u>Mil. R.</u> <u>(Table 3)</u>	<u>Mil. K.</u> <u>(Table 11)</u>	<u>Mil. R.</u> <u>(Table 3)</u>
Total	1005	558	3680	2044
Total Free World		75		909
Estimated	NA		909	
Computed	74.6		196.3	
Undistributed	NA		702.7	

P. 31, 1st paragraph.

Close parentheses.

P. 33, Table 12.

Compare format with similar tables for other countries (e.g., Table 7, Czechoslovakia). Table 12 format is preferable to that of Table 7.

P. 38, lines 6-8.

Has this been a conscious restriction or does it refer to the types of equipment Hungary has been able to export?

P. 41, 3 lines from bottom.

Avoidward. Rephrase.

P. 43, line 7.

Since 1952? See Table 18.

P. 44, Table 18.

Aren't the Bloc and non-Bloc columns reversed?

Pp. 50-51, Table 22.

Suggest dropping columns for Bulgaria, Rumania, and Free World since no data are shown, and showing totals for these areas in footnote.

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Figure 1.

Identify imports and exports.

P. 58, Table 24 and supporting tabulation.

Subordinate the tabulation or better, incorporate it into the Table.

P. 62, Table 28.

Compare format with Table 18. The latter is preferred.

P. 63, Tabulation.

Note change in format.

P. 65, next to last sentence.

Clean up grammar.

P. 67, Table 31 and preceding sentence.

Any change in the trend after 1953?

P. 68, Tabulation.

True of value as well as percent?

P. 72.

Rigidification?

P. 72, last paragraph.

Comprehensive twice in one sentence.

P. 75.

If note f/ is in order on agricultural machinery, shouldn't it be made clear also that other Satellites than East Germany will also continue to produce machine tools? See p. 82.

P. 76.

Any information on Czechoslovak chemical plant production?

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Isn't the GDR the largest satellite producer of TV's?

I suspect most GDR steam turbines now building are under 50,000 kw.

P. 84.

Polysius?

P. 86.

Col. 3 instructions garbled. Would not negative demand in Period 5 lead to reduced replacement? See notes on text. Will this example be followed in a Marxian economy?

P. 88, end 1st full paragraph.

Contribute to a reduction in fixed costs? Or contribute toward meeting fixed costs?